

## Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

The Des Moines (Ia.) city library has a consumptive reading room. Up-to-date literature touching the cure, treatment and prevention of tuberculosis has been classified and set apart for the use of the rapidly growing number of people who are taking a vital interest in this subject. In addition to furnishing them material to educate themselves as to the cure of the disease, it separates them from the liability of contagion. The places are designated by signs.

Too many children was the defense of Anton Hermann, who has been arraigned before Justice Prindle in Chicago charged with failing to send his daughter, Katie, 11 years old, to school. Hermann testified that he was the father of 19 children, six old enough to go to school. "I am too poor to provide clothes and books to send all six children to school," he said. Hermann was fined \$10, but payment was suspended on condition that Katie should be sent to school.

This snake story comes from Marango, Mich.: "Trapped among scores of rattlesnakes, which had been given new life by the warmth of a fire, Charles Rieckhaug and George Belcher, section men on the Michigan Central railroad, fought a desperate battle with the reptiles, barely escaping with their lives. The men had built a fire in a deserted section house and found themselves surrounded by rattlers. Fighting to gain the door, the men killed 62 of the reptiles and fled."

One of the queerest forms of Christmas munificence ever known in Germany was the raising of a popular fund by a Berlin newspaper for the family of Herr and Frau Ludwig, who have just been blessed with their twentieth child. As the family provider is a humble employee of the city gas works, earning only \$5.50 a week, it became necessary for sheer charity to intervene to insure baby No. 20 a warm advent into the world in this cold and rainy winter in Germany.

Judge Stein, who had six years' experience on the bench, agrees with a Chicago paper that "litigation is too cheap." He says that to make it less cheap "would at once and for all time reduce largely the number of suits, many of which are now brought to harass, annoy, or even blackmail the defendant, and it would also prevent in large part, if not wholly, the taking of appeals for purposes of delay." Reduce the number of suits and nobody will venture to ask for an increase in the number of judges.

Queen Amelle, of Portugal, is known all over Europe as not only the loveliest, but one of the most progressive of monarchs. The queen believes that a woman's beauty depends largely upon herself. "I would not, if I were a woman trying to be beautiful—and what woman is not anxious for this great gift?—attempt to be lovely without intellectual traits. The woman who is pretty without brains is like a pitcher that stands upon the dinner table empty. No matter how beautiful, it is useless."

Senator Pettus, of Alabama, though he will be 84 years old next July, is still wonderfully rugged and active. Some time ago he was ambled along Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, when he saw an old woman trying to cross the street in face of a gale of wind. The senator gallantly escorted her to the sidewalk, whereupon she thanked him and said: "I hope, sir, that when you are as old as I am, you will find those who are willing to assist you when in trouble." Upon inquiry he learned that her age was only 64.

There is one point where the lofty financier and the lowly socialist come together in loving harmony. They both believe that monopoly is an inevitable outcome of machinery, and factories, and railroads, and the other features of modern industrial life. The socialist, of course, looks to the state to absorb all monopolies into itself. The trust financier, so far as he talks at all on the subject, looks for an indefinite continuance of the present situation, with all the important commodities of the market in the control of combinations.

Nearly two and a quarter centuries ago the Turks, who thought they had been planted in Europe for generations were essentially an Asiatic people, carried their arms to the gates of Vienna and were only turned back by the genius and valor of John Sobieski, king of Poland. That was Europe's last critical experience with Asiatics in war in Europe. Since that time, however, Europe has made vast inroads in Asia. England's great Indian empire is but a century and a half old. Russia has made its greatest progress in central Asia within 50 years.

Discussing psychical science in an address delivered at a meeting of the American Institute for Scientific Research in New York, Rev. Dr. R. H. Newton has made the assertion that the spirits of the dead communicate with the living. He says that telepathy is a power possessed by many men and women, that clairvoyance is an established science fact, that it may be possible for men to carry halos about their heads, and, in short, that a variety of beliefs regarded by the majority of persons as superstitious can be demonstrated as truths.

It is probable that the elephant can whip any other animal that lives. He deserves the title, "king of beasts," which has been wrongly given to the lion. The elephant is by nature a nervous and timid animal. He usually avoids trouble. In his wild state he has an instinctive dread of man. He has been known, when being used in a tiger hunt, to turn tail and fly for no better reason than that a hare ran out of the tall grass and bolted between his legs. But when the elephant is attacked, and especially when he is cornered, he fights with blind courage.

## THE WEEK'S NEWS TERSELY OUTLINED

An Epitome of the Most Important  
Events at Home and Abroad  
the Past Week.

### CONGRESS' WORK IN NUTSHELL

Latest Developments in the Russo-Japanese War, Together With  
Items of Interest Culled From the  
Important Happenings All Over  
the World.

CONGRESS.  
Senator John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, on the floor of the United States senate, denounced his accusers and publicly branded them as "malicious and atrocious liars."

The question of expense of conducting national political campaigns is receiving attention in both houses in thinly veiled attempts to discover who put up the money.

The house adopted the twelve articles of impeachment against United States District Judge Swayne, of the northern district of Florida, and authorized the speaker to appoint a committee of seven to present the case to the senate and conduct the impeachment proceedings.

President Pro Tem. Fry of the senate has appointed Messrs. Foraker and Gorman as tellers on the part of the senate to count the electoral vote on February 8.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, delivered a speech of two hours' length in the senate in opposition to the statehood bill.

Resident Commissioner Degetau, of Porto Rico, in his first speech in the house, praised the United States for its attitude toward his island home.

### THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

A considerable increase is said to be noticeable the last few days in the range of the Japanese artillery around Mukden. This fact affords ground for the belief that part of the heavy guns used in the siege of Port Arthur have been sent north.

The British steamer Bosely, which was captured by the Japanese cruiser Tekiwa, in the Sea of Japan, January 11, bound for Vladivostok, with a cargo of coal, has been condemned by the prize court at Sasebo.

The third division of the Russian second Pacific squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Botrovsky, which left Suez January 12, has arrived at Jibuti, French Somaliland.

Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel and his staff, and about 500 other paroled Russian officers, many of them with their families, have sailed from Nagasaki, Japan, for Odessa.

### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Four trainmen were killed, three probably fatally and three seriously injured in a head-on collision of freight trains on the Louisville & Nashville at Shawnee, Tenn. The loss of property was heavy.

By the explosion of a locomotive boiler on the Baltimore & Ohio, near Mountain Lake Park, Md., two men were killed and one seriously injured. Earthquake shocks are reported from the vicinity of Santiago, Cuba. No serious damage was done, but the people were badly frightened.

The funeral of Louise Michel, in France, was the occasion of an anarchist demonstration, the military and police, however, prevented any serious disorder.

United States Customs Collector Leach has discovered a valuable collection of imported laces and ivories in the Chadwick home in Cleveland, O., and is trying to find out if they have paid duty. They are valued at \$10,000.

Cardinal Satelli is suffering from an attack of bronchitis in Rome.

The engagement is announced of Miss Elsie, only daughter of Gen. Horace Porter, American ambassador to France, and Mr. Mende, son of the famous Parisian physician of that name.

Charles Tuxhorn, a farmer, smothered his two sons, aged six and ten years, at their home southwest of McPherson, Kas., carried their bodies to a neighboring orchard, then set fire to all his property and shot and killed himself.

Frank Croker, son of Richard Croker, formerly of New York, died at Ormond, Fla., as the result of injuries received in the wreck of his automobile, which he was driving at a terrific pace, while endeavoring to avoid collision with a motorcyclist.

The Oregon Railway & Navigation Co.'s passenger steamer Geo. W. Elder struck a rock in the Columbia river, near Goble, Ore., and sank. The passengers and crew escaped.

The Chinese government makes sweeping denial of the charges recently filed with the powers by Russia to the effect that China has been violating her neutrality obligations.

Congressman George Sutherland will be Utah's new United States senator to succeed Senator Thomas Kearns.

George Turner was arrested in an optum joint in "Hop Alley," St. Louis, on a charge of passing counterfeit five-dollar gold coins.

The entire population of the village of Marsanne, France, followed the remains of Mme. Loubet, mother of the French president, to the grave.

The Illinois legislature adopted a joint resolution approving all measures in congress to promote the improvement of the Mississippi river and its navigation, and particularly commending the measure now pending before the congressional committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

Harrison Gray Otis and his son-in-law, Harry Chandler, owners and publishers of the Los Angeles Times, were fined \$500 each, by Judge Wilber, in the superior court at Los Angeles, Cal., for publishing articles alleged to reflect on the action and motives of the recent county grand jury.

Mr. George Hobart Doane, rector of St. Patrick's Roman cathedral, New York, son of the late George Washington Doane, Episcopal bishop of New Jersey, and brother of Rt. Rev. Wm. C. Doane, Episcopal bishop of Albany, died at Newark, N. J., of heart failure, in his seventy-fifth year.

On Sunday, the 22d, Father Gopon, a priest, headed a delegation who desired to present a petition to the czar for the relief of the people. Troops barred the way, and fired on Father Gopon's followers, killing and wounding many. Then followed a day in St. Petersburg which has had no parallel in a civilized community since the massacre of St. Bartholomew, and before nightfall 2,000 were killed and 5,000 wounded. Among the wounded was Father Gopon. The dowager empress fled from the city, and the czar left for Peterhof, 18 miles distant.

Gendarmes were called out to quell a disturbance of liberals at Turupolia, Hungary, and four of the mob were killed and one wounded.

Rear-Admiral Charles Sigbee, commander of the Caribbean squadron, is at San Domingo city with his flagship, the Newark.

News came by way of Constantinople that 1,500 Circassians revolted and killed a Russian guard, numbering 200, at Siavini, in the Caucasus, and that Russians and Turks were crossing the frontier in large numbers to spread revolution in Tiflis province.

Gen. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee announce the engagement of their daughter, Annie Fitzhugh, to Lieut. Lewis Brown, Jr., Seventh United States cavalry.

Hints are rife in Washington of a scandal in the light-house service which is likely to result in a wholesale probing of that branch of the public service.

Dr. R. C. Coy, Chicago; John K. Mackenzie, Chicago; M. A. Call, Toledo, O.; Walter Stubinger, Kewanee, Ill., and a Mexican driver, were killed by Yaqui Indians in Sonora, Mexico, where they had gone to examine some mining properties.

The jury in the case of Dr. George R. Koch, tried at New Ulm, Minn., for the alleged murder of a rival dentist, Dr. Gebhardt, disagreed and was discharged.

Circuit Attorney Sager of St. Louis has filed a writ of habeas corpus against John P. Dolan, constable for Justice of the Peace Barney Taaffe's district. Dolan is serving a sentence in the penitentiary for naturalization frauds.

A number of persons were injured, four seriously, by the wrecking of a broken rail, of the "Sunrise" express on the Boston & Maine railroad near Durham, N. H.

Frazier McDonald, arrested in Chicago with Stella Davis, a noted female counterfeiter, has confessed to passing bogus \$5 gold pieces in St. Louis and Chicago, implicating George Turner, under arrest in St. Louis.

John W. Fleming and Henry Lundberg, formerly United States inspectors of steam vessels, are on trial in the United States circuit court in the York city, charged with manslaughter in the loss of life on the excursion boat General Cleburn, last June, when nearly one thousand persons lost their lives either by drowning or burning.

Diplomatic negotiations have been interrupted between United States Minister Bowen in Caracas, Venezuela, and President Castro.

The plant of the Terre Haute (Ind.) Traction & Light Co. was damaged to the extent of \$100,000 by fire. Street cars were stopped and the evening newspapers were compelled to suspend temporarily for lack of power.

It is conservatively estimated that at least one-half of the society matrons of Jackson, Miss., women who are amply able to employ help, are doing their own cooking because they can not find negro women willing to work.

Prof. Yamashita, the new instructor in the Japanese system of offense and defense, has begun his work at the naval academy at Annapolis, Md. He instructs the midshipmen in judo, an advanced form of the better known jujitsu.

Joint committees representing the western and eastern railroads met in Chicago and decided to abandon the Mississippi river as a basing point for grain rates, and to make the base hereafter on Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, effective February 5.

The faculty of Purdue university, at Lafayette, Ind., have abolished Thanksgiving football.

Secretary of State Hay and Minister Grip, of Sweden and Norway, have signed an arbitration treaty between this country and Norway and Sweden. It is patterned after the arbitration treaties now before the senate.

The senate has ratified the extradition treaty with Spain.

President James B. Angell of the University of Michigan tendered his resignation to the board of regents, saying that he was "impressed with the belief that it would be to the advantage of the University of Michigan if you were to call a younger man to the position I now occupy." The regents refused to accept the resignation.

District Attorney Jerome, of New York city, has accomplished more in a few days in the suppression of gambling and kindred vices than the police of the city has in 20 years.

Brodie L. Duke has been discharged from custody in New York, Justice Gaynor declaring him sane.

Geoff. Viljoen, the Boer war hero, was cowhided on the street in Chicago by Mabel Belfort, who alleges that Viljoen had promised to marry her and had neglected to keep faith with her.

Booker T. Washington addressed the two houses of the Kansas legislature, assembled together to meet him, the judges of the state supreme court and state officers also being present. Mr. Washington was given an ovation.

Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright says the Colorado labor fight was a two-sided affair, in which both the state authorities and the miners were to blame.

The government school on the Menominee Indian reservation, near Keshewa, Wis., was destroyed by fire, and 300 Indian inmates had a narrow escape.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harvey were convicted at Carroll, Ia., of arson, in having set the Hotel Glendon on fire for the sake of the insurance. W. E. and A. W. Hobbs lost their lives in the fire.

Paul Schneider, a St. Louis manufacturing druggist, has been fined \$1,000 and sent to jail for 30 days for selling phenacetin in violation of a federal court injunction.

Speaker Cannon of the house, at a banquet given by the national board of trade in Washington, expressed his belief that there would be no extra session of congress.

## A DAY OF TERROR IN ST. PETERSBURG

Army of Workmen, Led By Father  
Gopon, Start For Winter Palace.

### PROGRESS BARRED BY TROOPS

Persisting in Their Efforts the  
Troops Fire, First With Blank,  
Then With Ball, and Hundreds  
Are Killed or Wounded.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—Sunday's bloody work here is told in the cold official figures of the police.

At the Narva gate, where Father Gopon started with his devoted bodyguard and the workmen from the Pottoloff iron works, 500 were killed and 500 were wounded.

At the Moskovski level crossing gate, 1,000 were killed and 1,500 wounded.

At the Nevsky gate, below the Moscow station, 500 were killed and 700 wounded.

In the Vassili Sotroff district, 200 were killed and 500 wounded.

In other parts of the city 100 were killed and 700 wounded.

Total Killed, 2,000; wounded, 3,500.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—Sunday proved a day of unspeakable horror in St. Petersburg. The strikers, goaded to desperation by a day of violence, fury and bloodshed, are in a state of open insurrection against the government. A condition almost bordering on civil war exists in the terror-stricken Russian capital. The city is under martial law, with Prince Vasichkoff as commander of over 50,000 of the emperor's crack guards. Troops are bivouacking in the streets and at various places on the Nevsky Prospect, the main thoroughfare of the city. On the island of Vassili Ostrov and in the industrial sections infuriated men have thrown up barricades which they are holding. The emperor's dowager has hastily sought safety at Tsarskoe Selo, where Emperor Nicholas II. is living.

The Emperor's Answer Was Tragic.

Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky presented to his majesty, Saturday night, the invitation of the workmen to appear at the winter palace Sunday afternoon and receive their petition, but the emperor's advisers already had taken a decision to show a firm and resolute front, and the emperor's answer to 100,000 workmen trying to make their way to the palace square was a solid array of troops who met them with rifle, bayonet and sabre.

The Killed and Wounded.

The best estimate is 500, although there are exaggerated figures, placing the number as high as 5,000. Many men were accompanied by their wives and children, and in the confusion, which left no time for discrimination, the latter shared the fate of the men. The troops, with the exception of a single regiment which is reported to have thrown down its arms, remained loyal and obeyed orders. But the blood which crimsoned the snow has fired the brains and passions of the strikers, and turned women as well as men into wild beasts, and the cry of the infuriated populace is for vengeance.

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palace square, where they were sure the emperor would be present to hear them. But the street approaches to the square were cleared by volleys and Cossack charges.

Infuriated to Frenzy.

Men and women, infuriated to frenzy by the loss of loved ones, cursed the soldiers while they retreated. Men arranged the crowds, telling them that the emperor had followed them and that the time had come to act. Men began to build barricades in the Nevsky Prospect and at other points, using any material that came to hand, and even chopping down telegraph poles.

Fighting meantime continued at various places, soldiers volleying and charging the mob. The whole city was in a state of panic. Women were running through the streets seeking last members of their families. Several barricades were carried by the troops.

Exhausted Crowds Disperse.

Towards eight o'clock in the evening the crowds, exhausted, began to disperse, leaving the military in possession. As they retreated up the Nevsky Prospect the workmen put out all the lights.

Every officer wearing the uniform of the emperor who was found alone was mobbed. A general was killed on the Nicholas bridge, and a dozen officers were seized, stripped of their epaulettes and deprived of their swords.

An Unconquered Rumor.

It is rumored that M. Witte will be appointed to the position of dictator, but the report is not confirmed. The authorities, while they seem to realize the magnitude of the crisis with which the dynasty and the autocracy are confronted, on account of the day's events, apparently are paralyzed for the moment.

Intense indignation is bound to be aroused all over Russia. The workmen and revolutionists expect news from Moscow and other big centers, where the troops are hot of the same class as the guards regiments of St. Petersburg.

"Will End War With Japan."

A member of the emperor's household is quoted as saying that this conflict will end the war with Japan, and that Russia will have a constitution and Emperor Nicholas will lose his head.

The Warsaw and Baltic railroad is reported to have been torn up for a mile and a half, but the damage is said to have been repaired.

Little Disorder at Night.

With darkness it was feared the mob might begin to loot and pillage and even burn, but beyond the breaking of a few windows in the Nevsky Prospect and the pillaging of fruit shops, little disorder was reported. Most of the theaters were closed, but at the People's Palace, which was open, two liberals attempted to harangue the audience, proposing at the close that the audience testify to their sympathy with their fallen brothers. The orators were promptly arrested.

Firing Ceased at Midnight.

By midnight the sound of firing had ceased except on Vassili Ostrov island, where the troops met a renewed demonstration with several volleys. In the meantime the strike leaders assembled and decided to continue the struggle with arms. No day was fixed for the next demonstration. The strikers are so excited, however, that trouble is expected at any time.

At a big meeting Sunday night the following message from M. Gorky, the novelist, was read.

M. Gorky's Message.

"Beloved associates: We have no emperor. Innocent blood lies between him and the people. Now begins the people's struggle for freedom. May it prosper. My blessing upon you all. Would I might be with you to-night; but I have too much to do."

A workman who was introduced to speak in Father Gopon's name made a fiery speech. He appealed to liberals to furnish arms. The meeting adopted a letter denouncing the officers and regiments that fired on the workmen, and another letter extolling the Moscow regiment which refused to fire.

A Dramatic Scene.

There was a very dramatic scene at the Narva gate when Father Gopon, in golden vestments, bearing aloft an ikon and flanked by two clergymen carrying religious banners, approached at the head of a procession of 8,000 workmen. Troops were drawn up across the entrance. Several times an officer called on the procession to stop, but Father Gopon did not falter. Then an order was given to fire, first with blank cartridges. Two volleys rang out, but the line still did not waver. Then, with seeming reluctance, an officer gave the command to load with ball, and the next volley was followed by shrieks of the wounded. As the Cossacks followed up the volley with a charge the workmen fled before them, leaving about 100 dead or wounded.

Soldiers Spared Father Gopon.

It was evident that the soldiers deliberately spared Father Gopon. One of the clergymen by his side was wounded, but he escaped untouched and hid behind a wall until the Cossacks passed, and he was then spirited away by workmen.

Frank Croker Dead.

Ormond, Fla., Jan. 23.—Frank Croker, of New York, died here soon after midnight, Sunday morning, from the effects of the injuries received, Saturday, in an automobile accident. His mother and sister arrived on a special train.

Cardinal Satelli Ill.

Rome, Jan. 23.—Cardinal Satelli, who had been suffering from an attack of influenza, is now ill of bronchitis. Pope Pius sent a message of inquiry to the residence of the cardinal, together with his benediction.

A Mexican War Veteran.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 23.—Alonso Freeman, 94 years old, died at his home, near Weatherford, in Parker county, after six weeks' illness. He was a native of Virginia, a Texas pioneer and vice-president of the National Association of Mexican War Veterans.

Had Great-Grand Grandchildren.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Bettie Sybilis Cunningham, 90, died at Cadiz. She leaves 4 children, 49 grand-children and 4 great-grand-children.

Robbed By Thieves in Skirts.

St. Louis, Jan. 22.—Two women, or two men dressed as women, held up and robbed James Fitzsimmons, 65, of \$397, leaving him practically penniless, with a family on his hands.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Fatal Shooting at Elvina.

Jim Harris, of Harris-Dooley fame, and Dan Sparks, a barber, had a battle royal at Elvina, which started in a scuffle for a revolver, and in which Sparks was instantly killed, after he had shot Harris two or three times, inflicting slight wounds. Harris was arrested and taken to jail at Farmington. He was one of the participants in the famous Harris-Dooley feud battle at Doe Run on August 4, 1900, at which W. E. S. Harris and old Mr. Dooley were killed and himself and several other participants were seriously wounded.

Watched Mother Burn to Death.

Mrs. Virginia Picklin was burned to death in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Goodman, six miles from Fulton. Her clothing was ignited from a stove. She was bending over the bedside of her daughter, who was ill, when her clothing caught fire. There was no one present except a 7-year-old child and the sick woman, who were unable to render any assistance. When neighbors arrived the woman presented a horrible sight. She lived only a short time. She was a widow, 51 years old, and leaves several children.

Killed Him, Then Escaped.

Moved by remorse, William Wente, who shot and mortally wounded Grover O'Connor in St. Louis, leaned over his victim, kissed his forehead, said, "Good-by, Grover," and escaped. The shooting was witnessed by five other boys ranging in age from 16 to 19 years. All declare that it was an accident, and could assign no other cause for Wente's disappearance than that he was too badly frightened to give himself up to the police.

St. Louis Money Order Business.